

LAKE QUINSIGAMOND COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 25, 2003 minutes

Shrewsbury, Municipal Town Hall

Present: Chairperson Chief A. Wayne Sampson; Cpt. Ashe; Melvin Gordon; Tristan Lundgren Nicholas Pepper; John Wilson; Kenneth Polito; Arthur LeDoux:

Absent: Michael Paika; John Wilson

Meeting convened at 7:04 p.m

Motion to approve minutes of May 28, 2003- seconded, unanimous accepted

Treasurer report: No outstanding bills.

Nancy Allen:

- a. Update on dam project, originally received \$50,000 from DEM for the first drawdown, and work structures are in place constructed by F & D. (Stringer Dam and rte 20 box culvert upgrade). This fall, contractor will return and drop in the stop logs and receive final payment. Before the actual drawdown takes place, the public will be notified by posting and advertising. DEM monies to be paid before June 30th. Last year the bids came in higher than expected and the difference was paid from the dock fees (last year and this year).

Rains from last Saturday and Sunday have brought the lake level to a very high point. The high water mark at Sunset Beach is just a staining on cement structure of Stringer Dam. Last Monday, the water was about 4" higher than the mark and has acknowledged it is the highest ever. Water is going over dam at a tremendous rate.

Chairman Sampson asked if there was any plans in place to draw down the lake. Joe Iagallo from DEM, responded, at present time has no intentions of lowering the dam. However the level has dropped three tenths of a foot since Monday.

- b. Chemicals for weed control- Due to the weather conditions, there is more water over the weeds this year, (we are above average compared to the vegetation growth to last year). The additional water does not allow the sun to help nurture the weed growth. A second treatment for the south end of Lake Quinsigamond costs \$20,000.00 and our account has \$13,000.00 (including \$2,000 donation from Pt. Rock Association). To date, we have not received enough money to sign a contract with Lycott Engineering. Suggests to delay chemical weed treatment until next spring.

Lincoln Pearson- Concern of article in last newsletter referencing donations now being accepted for weed treatment

Chairman Sampson- All donations for weed control are accepted and designated into said account, however if we receive \$7,000 within the next 2 weeks, an emergency meeting will be held.

A representative from Doug Russell Marine- Informed the commission, they are in process of donating a Larson boat to be raffled off – to help bring in extra revenue next year for weed control. (They are working with Commissioner Pepper). The LQC Commission is duly appreciative to Doug Russell Marine.

c. Drawdown- Section of lake will affect areas from Sunset Beach southward Any interested parties who would like to review records regarding drawdown to date is available at the Board of Health Dept during regular working hours.

Commissioner reports:

Cpt.Ashe: Worcester boat has been operational for the past two weeks.

b. All marker buoys installed.

c. Docks on N.Lake Ave ownership and registration- an updated report will be submitted next meeting

d. On June 15th, @6:30pm, a personal watercraft ridden by a fourteen year old was involved in an accident with a stationary boat. The fourteen year old received a substantial laceration on the head, and the other boat occupant suffered broken ribs. Both where treated at UMASS. This is an ongoing investigation by the Environmental Police. Citations where issued to the Jet Ski owner.

Response personnel included Shrewsbury Police, Worcester Police, Fire Dept. Rescue Squad, Massachusetts Environmental Police, and ambulance personnel. Other boaters who were in the vicinity also assisted.

K.Polito: Hearing-118 S.Quinsigamond Ave- The Shrewsbury Conservation Commission issued Notice of Intent to construct new boat house, additional conditions for clearing of site included. The permitting process will take up to a year for completion.

M.Gordan: As of 6/25/03 update on dock permits- 385 resident docks and 79 commercial docks collected this year. Account balance - \$16,486.0 .

Comparing to last year, we received 422 resident and 93 commercial docks.

Discussed - Reasons for decrease in resident permits- New ownership; clarification changing from commercial to resident; avoidance; etc. All notices have been sent out several months ago, and sufficient time has lapsed. N.Pepper has accurate list of dock renewals. Per Cpt.Ashe, a boat will be sent out along with a Shrewsbury officer and will start enforcement a.s.a.p.

A.Ledoux: No report

J.Wilson: Absent

M.Paika: Absent

Asked the Chairman as a friendly reminder that July 4th fireworks is approaching, and for everyone to take extra care and caution on the lake.

b. Dead sunfish on shoreline, this is natural event (happens yearly)

c. July 3rd- Police boats will be patrolling.

T.Lundgren: Worc.Conserv.Com.- Reviewed changes to the Plantation Towers project (three new buildings) found acceptable to the commission and work has begun. Last week had a problem w/sedimentation into lake- met w/contractors and resolved.

b. Reviewed plans to construct a new house (#271 Lake Avenue) –sought changes to applicant and accepted.

N.Pepper: No report

Chief Sampson-Correspondence- concerns regarding dock registrations

OLD BUSINESS

Event fees for next year –costs

A sub-committee was formed consisting of A.Ledoux, N.Pepper, M.Gordan and Chairman Sampson.

Need to examine, research general interest and return to the commission with a proposal.

The public's involvement is important and letters of concerns are encouraged from the Rowing Association, B.A.S.S., Canoe Association, etc.

NEW BUSINESS –none

No meeting -July

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 27th, 7:00pm in the Selectmen's Room of the Shrewsbury Town Hall. Note- a special meeting will be held if necessary in July.

Motion to adjourn, seconded at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Hemmerdinger